

MONDAY, 12TH JULY, 1943

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All quiet.

0012

Aerobrome RED. Ops advised

TIME

NARRATIVE

0725

Aerodrome remains RED. Ops advised.

0820

Ops advises morning flying program scrubbed.

0930

St. Phillips, 423 Sq. engineering, called saying that he would require the use of chevron dispersal between dispersals 4 and 1 this afternoon, and that it had piles of dirt on it which would endanger A/c.

0940

346th Engineer officers called to ascertain where they might proceed with construction. Advised to work on approach to dispersals 29 and 30. Said they would also level dirt piles on chevron dispersal between dispersals 4 and 1 so that it would be open for St. Phillips to use.

1000

Advised St. Wicklansky, assistant engineering officer, 368 Sq., to keep <sup>open</sup> one of the two chevron connections between approach to dispersals 29 and 30 and approach to dispersals 32 and 33 in order that A/c can be taxied out of dispersals 29 and 30. A/c "E"/368, ordinarily in one of chevron connections, now in hangar. Parking instructions will be given when ready to be moved.

1030

Aerodrome GREEN. Ops advised.

1115

Unexpected load of runway asphalt arrived. Foreman of tarmacking crew asked permission to use it in patches at SW end of main runway not yet tarmacked, saying work would take approximately one-and-a-half-hours, and that it could be cleared speedily for landings and takeoffs. Since work would be at a point which would leave 1800 clear yards of runway for <sup>extreme</sup> emergency landing, permission granted, and 306 Sp. operations advised that runway would be closed to base A/c for approximately two hours, and that it would be clear for Group formation takeoff at 1400 hrs.

1125

1 Wing Flying Control asked to refrain from clearing any A/c to Shurleigh until 1400 hrs.

TIME

## A NARRATIVE

- 1126 Aerodrome temporarily closed. Indicated in signal area.
- 1210 Instructed tarmac crews to be clear of runway and perimeter track by 1330 and remain off TFN. Advised perimeter track crew that all vehicles must be at least 50 feet off track, runway crew that all obstructions must be 15 yards from runway.
- 1300 Off watch, AAC. On watch - W.W.T.
- 1430 Routine check of General Drone Area. Instructed workers at extreme end of main to be on the watch of single ships taking off & landing. They will be informed when main heavy returns.
- 1630 Necessary calls made for 6 tracks and M.P.'s for 170.
- 1935 Informed Wing F/C that main R/W now free of obstructions.
- 2040 Wing informs us that we are now the only drone which can be used for night-flying. Further advises us that Waterbeach may request use of some for tonight - details following. Info wing of what light facilities etc. we can offer. Will pass information on to Waterbeach.
- 2255 made Routine check of General Drone Area, for tonight's tentative flying program - personnel safe - all present immovable obstructions marked by red obstruction lights. Ambulance & Jander recalled.
- 2335 ops. advises us of briefing for 0230.
- 2340 ops. advises us above briefing scrubbed.
- 2345 Tie-line - twin wood - 45. NE-SW. tie-line 4/5.
- 2400 Watch continued - lone bird "K" (Waterbeach) in circuit.